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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force Specialty Team Exercise

This Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide information on a Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) Specialty Team Exercise in which the City of Miami Beach will be participating on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

The SERDSTF and South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), in coordination with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), will be conducting a Regional Specialty Team Exercise hosted by the City of Miami Beach Office of Emergency Management. The exercise is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. and will continue for approximately five (5) hours, until 9:00 p.m. We will be using a number of City assets including the Miami Beach Convention Center, Convention Center parking lot, and Miami Beach City Hall.

The Regional Specialty Team Exercise will be a full-scale event in which multiple agencies and jurisdictions within the region will work together on an active shooter scenario. The scenario requires involvement from all specialized areas, including HazMat, Maritime, S.W.A.T., Bomb, Forensics, and Aviation. Other disciplines will be involved in the response of this event including, but not limited to, health and hospitals, communications, emergency management, intelligence and information sharing, and public information.

The Emergency Manager has formally requested a "Time Certain" adjournment of the Commission meeting at 4:00 p.m. due to the large number of resources and personel involved and the magnitude of the exercise. The entire City Hall building and Convention Center will need to be swept and prepared for the exercise. As such, an adjournment of the Commission meeting will ensure not only a safe environment for the full-scale exercise, but also the safety of the attending elected officials, City employees, and the public.